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1. REPORT ON AIRFIELDS AROUND LONDON
2. AIR RAID DAMAGE IN THE LONDON AREA (1948)

From: LONDON

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To JOHN[Dzhon][1].

1. Yesterday the airfields at FELTHAM, HEATHROW, HENDON, CROYDON, BIGGIN HILL and NORTHOLT were[a]. There are no aircraft on the first two. On the third there are several trainers. On the fourth several aircraft were left [B' after the raid]. On the fifth, fighter aircraft are in position,

*From a list of 16: 5 groups unrecovered*  
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BOPERS guns have been positioned in the vicinity of the airfields[b]. Decoy anti-aircraft posts, with dummies dressed in British Air Force uniform, have been sited in prominent positions.

2. While an air raid by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS[KOLBASNIK][11] was in progress during the night, a British fighter was flying over LONDON, periodically showing a white light as a recognition signal

*12 groups unrecovered*  
[12 groups unrecovered]  
to[c] the LONDON area [B' after the raids] by the SAUSAGE-DEALERS on 24th and 25th August reported the following:

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- (a) In MOORGATE, warehouses, banks and other premises have been destroyed.
- (b) In STEPNEY, many dwellings have been destroyed.
- (c) In KING GEORGE [V][d] DOCK, there has been severe damage by fire. 200 fire engines took part in fighting the fire. In

[3 groups unrecovered]

*one and the same region was hit by bombs on the same night several times.*

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DICK[DIK][iii]

Notes: [a] This is a drafting or encoding error. A word has been omitted. The meaning seems to be "were attacked/raided" or "were visited/inspected/seen".

[b] Or "airfield".

[c] Or "in".

[d] "V". Inserted by translator.

Comments: [i] JOHN: Unidentified MOSCOW addressee.

✓[ii] SAUSAGE-DEALER: Code-word for a "German".

[iii] DICK: Unidentified LONDON signatory.